

Anthony Apuron, Father Duenas Memorial School Principal, Mr. William Roth, the faculty and staff, and the various orders and laypeople who have educated many of Guam's outstanding young men since October 1, 1948. May Father Duenas Memorial School enjoy many more years of service to our community.

HONORING ANDREW NELSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Andrew Nelson of Smithville, Missouri. Andrew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1360, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Andrew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Andrew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Andrew Nelson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING CHARLOTTE WILLIAMS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Charlotte Williams as she receives the first "Making Democracy Work" Award from the Flint Michigan League of Women Voters.

The League will honor Charlotte at an event on Wednesday, September 17th in Flint.

The League of Women Voters gives the "Making Democracy Work" Award to a Flint female community leader. Charlotte Williams was chosen to be the first recipient. Charlotte was elected as a Genesee County Commissioner in 1968. She was the first black female elected to the position. She went on to become the first female Chair of the Board. She became active in the National Association of Counties and served on several State and local committees. Her work with the National Association of Counties culminated in being elected president of that body in July 1978, and she served one term. Charlotte also chaired a workshop at a White House Conference on "Balanced Growth and Economic Development" and contributed to White House briefings during the terms of four Presidents. She retired from the Board of Commissioners in 1980.

Charlotte is the Vice Chairperson of the Board of Stewards at Quinn Chapel AME Church and has been an active member for

40 years. She has also worked as a Home Counselor in the Mott Foundation program and taught Bishop sewing classes.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to stand and applaud the work of one of the pioneers for political equality, Charlotte Williams. I commend her for her courage, insight, and work to improve the quality of life in Genesee County. May she continue her work for many, many years to come.

IN SYMPATHY FOR THE LOSS OF
FORMER KIRKWOOD MAYOR
MIKE SWOBODA

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a man of passion, spirit and service—former Kirkwood Mayor Mike Swoboda, who struggled against incredible odds after tragedy and on September 6, 2008, was released from his suffering and went Home.

Mike Swoboda will be remembered for his innovation in the city of Kirkwood, Missouri, creating "Mayor for a Day" program for youths, his endless enthusiasm for all things Kirkwood, and his years of faithful service. He was a man of hope and optimism who loved the people he served. He will be remembered for striving to do great things and as a man of his word.

I want to extend my condolences to the family of Mike Swoboda and echo family and friends in saying "He will always be remembered."

IN HONOR OF NICK "SONNY"
NARDI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Nick "Sonny" Nardi, and in appreciation of his outstanding dedication to social justice and workers rights. I, along with the Parma Democratic Party, join in recognizing Sonny for his invaluable leadership in the Democratic Party, as he is being honored as the 2008 Parma Democrat of the Year.

Sonny, a native of the Greater Cleveland area, has a multifaceted history of leadership and social service. He graduated from Parma High School in 1978 and joined the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 416 here in Parma in 1981. Since joining Local 416, Sonny has demonstrated his dedication to workers rights in the various leadership roles he has held over the past twenty-seven years. From 1986 to 1989, he was the Trustee and Business Agent. He became Vice President of Local 416 in 1992, a position he held for three years, until becoming Secretary-Treasurer in 1996. Sonny held the position of Secretary-Treasurer for ten years and just last year, he became Local 416's President and Principal Officer.

His commitment to workers rights and to the local Democratic Party has earned him the honor of being one of only two Super-Delegates of the 1.4 million Teamster membership. From 2003–2006, Sonny served on the Labor Advisory Council for Governor Taft and was also appointed to the RTA Board of Trustees. His experience as a true leader in the local Democratic Party earned him an appointment to the Executive Committee for the Democratic Party in 2006. In 2007, the same year he became Local 416's President and Principal Officer, Sonny was chosen to represent Ohio as a member of the Democratic National Committee.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Nick "Sonny" Nardi, and in recognition of his invaluable dedication to workers rights and to the local Democratic Party. May his commitment to social justice serve as an example for all of us to follow.

HONORING CHARLES CASSIDY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Charles Cassidy of Platte City, Missouri. Charles is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Charles has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Charles has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Charles Cassidy for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, on September 15, 2008, I missed rollcall votes numbered 589, a resolution honoring the dedication and outstanding work of military support groups across the country for their steadfast support of the members of our Armed Forces and their families; 590, a resolution honoring the 28th Infantry Division for serving and protecting the United States; and 591, a bill to extend the authority of the Secretary of Education to purchase guaranteed student loans for an additional year, and for other purposes.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 589, 590, and 591.